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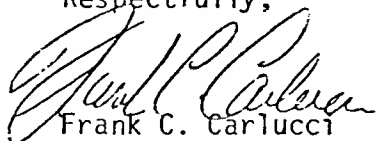
The Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I appreciate the opportunity to have the Intelligence Community review and comment on the Surveys and Investigations Staff studies. Extensive responses have been provided on those studies being reviewed for the first time. For those that have undergone previous review, the responses contain only significant new information. (In the case of the NSA/CIA SIGINT consolidation reports, I am not fully satisfied with the responses and will forward additional information before our scheduled appropriations hearing.) I believe the enclosed substantive comments reflect the benefits which the Community can and has derived from access to such studies and recommendations. Although there was a significant workload in a short timeframe, I hope you agree that the results warrant a continuation of the practice.

As discussed with your Staff, the reports on the intelligence-related activities and the operation of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence) were passed to the Deputy Under Secretary for Policy for his direct response to the Committee. As requested, we have coordinated with the Deputy Under Secretary for Policy on the format of the responses; so, they should be compatible.

Respectfully,


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Acting Director

Enclosure:

Analysis and comments on Surveys and
Investigations Staff studies

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